

Minutes of Feb 11, 2004 Youth Council meeting held at the Frontier Grill Restaurant in Roosevelt

Attending: Ron Tollefson, Wayne Griffin, Shelly Ivie, Toni Ansel, Bill Caldwell, JoJo Gale, Kathy Deets, Connie Perry, Margo Weeks, Vint DeGraw, Becky Thacker, Beth Murphy, Denise Ohler, Jane Broadhead, Bob Gilbert

Guests: Tyson Besst, and his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Besst

Ron welcomed everyone. Introductions were made. Denise Ohler, a newer employment counselor in the Roosevelt office, was introduced and will be assisting Becky with WIA youth.

Minutes were reviewed and approved.

Becky then recognized Tyson, a youth from Roosevelt who have done very well as an assistant in the Connections program. She presented him with a certificate and congratulated him on a job well done.

Becky then gave an update of youth being served from the Roosevelt Office: 68 in-school youth and 51 out of school youth are being served. The 03-04 youth budget for the office is \$68,848, with \$49,468 already obligated, and \$20,303 expended. 173 youth from 14 - 18 are registered for services, and 208 aged 18-22 are registered.

Kathy gave an update of youth being served from the Vernal Office: 20 in school youth are being served and 14 out of school youth. The Vernal EC has a budget of \$51,794, with \$31,130 obligated, and \$25,525 expended. 111 youth from 14-18 are registered for work, and 268 aged 14-22 are registered. JoJo reported that she currently had 89 students doing internships this trimester

Jane Broadhead then reported for the State Youth Council. She said that WIA reauthorization has not yet happened in Washington DC, and she wasn't sure how soon it might. The reauthorization affects the contracting process, as State Finance has said they will not issue RFPs for the youth programs until WIA is reauthorized. Until there is some movement, WIA services will continue to be provided as is currently being done, though the five year contract limit with some of the youth contracts may be breached. Jane was pleased to see our Council set a point value, as Eastern Region has been serving a lot of youth given its youth budget. Eastern is serving 75% of what Central is serving, and Central has 6 times the budget. Jane then said that the new focus in the youth programs will be youth in foster care who are transitioning into adulthood, and those coming out of a correctional facility. There are about 1000 kids in Utah in foster care, and about 200 are now being served. She encouraged the Council to have Wayne represent the independent living program as the Council addresses ways to serve this youth population.

Wayne said there are about 150 foster kids in the Basin, which is a pretty high number. It is difficult to find foster homes in other parts of Eastern Region, so many end up in the Basin. Bill then gave an update on Connections: A proposal to continue Connections at Todd, West, and LaPoint schools will probably be funded with a five year grant. Duchesne County sites will likely not continue after March 31st, and in Uintah County we are working to get support for continued funding.

Jane reported that there is a State Council tab on the jobs.utah.gov that will include minutes of the State Council and State Youth Council.

The next Uintah Basin Youth Council meeting will be on March 10 at Nikis Restaurant.